A.—(a) The project was completed in 1923. The area irrigated in 1929–30 was 16,043 acres first crop and 2,987 acres second crop.

(b) The cost of the Toludur project was Rs. 25·86 lakhs and of the Pelandorai anicut project Rs. 6·92 lakhs. The return from the Toludur project was 2·43 per cent on the sum at charge in 1929–30. The Pelandorai anicut system yielded a return of 2·52 per cent on the sum at charge in 1929–30.

(c) It is not clear to what orders the hon. Member refers. If he will specify the information he requires, it will be supplied to him, if possible.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know from the hon. Member what portion of the area irrigated under the Toludur Project lies in the district of South Arcot?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the anticipated ayacut under the project has been brought fully under cultivation?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Action taken on the report of the Palar Irrigation Committee.

* 546 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what steps have been taken on the report of the Palar Irrigation Committee appointed by Government;

(b) whether further information was called for from the Mysore Government as suggested by the report of the Palar Irrigation Committee; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the table with other connected correspondence?

A.—(a) The Government have prohibited all extensions of irrigation in the Palar basin and the granting of loans for sinking new wells or installing pumps in the area.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government will consider the publication of the results of the correspondence in due course.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"May I know whether any steps are being taken to increase the flow of water in the river?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I am afraid it is not possible for us to do that."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the unanimous recommendation of the Committee was acted upon, or the official recommendation?"

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" If the hon. Member informs me what particular information he wants, I shall furnish it to him."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" With reference to answer (*a*), may I know whether that action was taken on the recommendation of the non-official Members of the Palar Committee or at the instance of the Government themselves?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" I do not remember, Sir; I must ask for notice of the question."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask what steps the Government propose to take to improve the condition of irrigation under the Palar anicut?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" The anicut is being repaired this year. Certain measures have been taken to endeavour to keep the channel from silting up; we are doing what we can."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" It was found that the water flowing in the river was found inadequate; that is why the Committee was appointed. I would like to know from the Government what steps they propose to take in this matter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" We cannot improve the supply of water in the river; it is a question of rainfall. Clause (*a*) shows what action has been taken by the Government. As far as Government is concerned, they have prohibited all extensions of irrigation. We cannot prohibit people from digging wells within their private lands; but we can refrain from giving them assistance to do so. That we have done. Certain information has been called for from the Mysore Government to assist us in determining what are the causes of the deficiency of water-supply; as soon as it is received, we propose to consider what could be done further."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" I am referring to the complaint of the ryots of the Palar anicut about what has been done by the Mysore Government. With reference to that point, I wish to know if the Government have come to any decision with regard to the improvement of water-supply?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" That is a matter which is under correspondence with the Mysore Government. We have asked for certain information and we hope to receive it in due course."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" May I know why the recommendation of the non-official Members of the Committee that an officer of the Madras Government may be sent to get the information from the Mysore Government has not been acted upon?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" That suggestion will be considered, if necessary."

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Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" With reference to answer (b), may I ask whether the information was called for, on the recommendation of the non-official Members of the Committee? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" If the Mysore Government give us the information, it may not be necessary to depute an officer, but we should require the concurrence of the Mysore Government; the whole matter is under correspondence with that Government. It is quite possible that we may subsequently accept that recommendation."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether an officer of this Government will be deputed to collect the information or to obtain the concurrence of the Mysore Government? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I must ask for notice of the question; I have not got the file here."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether serious allegations have been made that the Mysore Government have been taking water from the Bothamangalam tank, far in excess of the agreement between that Government and this Government? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask the hon. Member to take steps to ascertain how much quantity of water is being utilized for the purpose of the Mysore Government from the Buthamangalam tank? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I have informed my hon. Friend that the whole matter is under correspondence with the Mysore Government."

Progress in the construction of the Kattalai high level channel.

* 547 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what stage the construction of the Kattalai high level channel is;

(*b*) whether estimates are ready and whether the work will be commenced this year; if so, when; if not, in what year the work will be taken up; and

(*c*) whether the construction of the high level channel is to be done along with the construction of the bed-regulator?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Estimates are ready. Construction has been stopped because Government have been unable to provide funds for it. The work will proceed as soon as funds can be provided.

(*c*) This depends upon the provision of funds for the high level channel.